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AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract paragraph, appearing as the last page of the application text (page 35), with the following:

One embodiment of the present invention is an apparatus including an internal combustion engine for powering a ground travelling vehicle, a throttle control arrangement including means a device for sensing position of an operator-adjustable pedal to provide a throttle control signal, a first sensor to sense rotational speed of the engine, a second sensor to sense brake status of the vehicle, a way to determine means for determining failure of the throttle control signal, and a way to operate means for operating the engine in a limp-home mode in response to the failure, The operating means which includes means fueling the engine during the limp-home mode of operation in accordance with idle position of the pedal, rotational speed of the engine, and the brake status.